industry to maintain the prices of tyres at reasonable level. Import of automotive tyres has also been placed under Open General Licence.

**Judgment of cases yet to be delivered by Supreme Court**

1506. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases as on September 30, 1985 heard by the different benches of the Supreme Court but for which judgments have not yet been delivered;

(b) what is the longest period for which such a judgment is pending and the reasons thereof;

(c) what are the steps that are proposed to be taken to reduce this delay; and

(d) what would be the fate of those cases where hearing are over but the judgments are not delivered, if the concerned judge retires or dies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Registry of the Supreme Court has intimated that as on 30th September, 1985 there were 51 matters which were heard but in which judgments had not yet been delivered by 30th September, 1985.

(b) and (c) The Supreme Court Registry have not furnished the information as discussion on this information is barred by Article 121 of the Constitution.

(d) The Registry of the Surpeme Court has intimated that if an Hon'ble Judge dies before judgment is delivered in a matter which had been heard by a bench of which he had been a member, the matter is re-heard. However, if an Hon'ble Judge retires, judgments in all the matters which had been heard by a bench of which he was a member are always delivered before the date of his retirement.

**Cement prices**

1507. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to reduce the price of cement in the country;

(b) if so, what are the deails in regard thereto;

(c) whether in view of sharp rise in price of cement in the country, Government propose to import cement in order to stabilise the prices at reasonable rates; and

(d) if so, what are the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Cement is sold under two categories, *viz.*, levy cement and non-levy cement. Non-levy cement is free from price and distribution control. As regards the levy cement, there is no proposal to reduce the price of levy cement in the country.

(c) and (d) Indigenous production of cement during the current financial year is expected to be of the order of 33.5 million tonnes. State Trading Corporation have already imported 0.13 million tonnes during the current year out of 0.50 million tonnes cement import authorisation given during 1984-85 to minimise the shortage.

**Industries in Vidarbha**

1508. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to set up industries in the large, medium and small scale sectors during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the nature of the industries proposed to be set up in each district of that region?